

# **EXHIBIT A**

## CBP FOIA - CBP-FO-2023-142324

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Dear Susan Long:

This notice acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) received on 9/21/2023. You requested, *"person-by-person data on each individual CBP has encountered from FY 2020 up to the date of this letter or the time of search (whichever is later)."*

Please use the following unique FOIA tracking number CBP-FO-2023-142324 to track the status of your request. If you have not already done so, you must create a SecureRelease account. This is the only method available to check the status of your pending FOIA request.

Provisions of the Act allow us to recover part of the cost of complying with your request. We shall charge you for records in accordance with the DHS FOIA regulations outlined on the DHS website, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/11/22/2016-28095/freedom-of-information-act-regulations>. By submitting your request, you have agreed to pay up to \$25.00 in applicable processing fees, if any fees associated with your request exceed this amount, CBP shall contact you.

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Sincerely,

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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